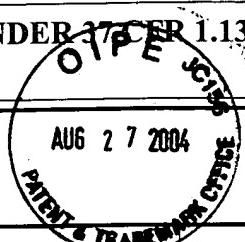


**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 17 CFR 1.136(a)**  
**(Large Entity)**

Docket No.  
**CAO-0111**

**In Re Application Of: KNAUER ET ALL.**



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**Invention: A HEARING PROTECTIVE DEVICE AND METHOD OF MAKING THE SAME**

**COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of MARCH 22, 2004 above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month       Two months       Three months       Four months       Five months

from: June 22, 2004 until: August 23, 2004  
*Date* *Date*

The fee for the extension of time is \$420 and is to be paid as follows:

- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
  - The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. **06-1130**
  - If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. **06-1130**
  - Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

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Dated: Aug. 23 - 2004

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**REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111, WITH AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 22, 2004, please enter the following:

**Amendments to the Claims**, beginning on page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks**, beginning on page 10 of this paper.